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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

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FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PLOS, OVIP (RICHARDSON, ELLIOT L.)

SUBJECT: LOS - VISIT OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

REF: NEW DELHI 5973

1. THANK YOU FOR REACHING JOHN THOMSON SO PROMPTLY. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE FINALLY RECEIVED OUR MESSAGE ABOUT MY VISIT AND HAVE ARRANGED MEETINGS WITH INDIAN LOS OFFICIALS. I APPRECIATE YOUR HAVING DONE SO INSPITE OF THE CONFUSION CAUSED BY YOUR NOT HAVING RECEIVED OUR INITIAL MESSAGE IN TIMELY FASHION.

2. I THINK THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY MY STAYING WITH JOHN THOMSON COULD BE MISCONSTRUED BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH HE IS ONE OF MY OLDEST FRIENDS AND YOU SEE NO PROTOCOL OR OTHER REASON WHY I SHOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS INVITATION. THEREFORE I AM DECLINING HIS INVITATION AS IN-
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DICATED IN THE MESSAGE WHICH I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASS-
ING TO HIM. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT THE KIND INVITA-
TION OF MRS. SCHNEIDER AND YOURSELF TO STAY AT YOUR RESI-
DENCE.

3. I AGREE WITH YOUR JUDGMENT THAT IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE
FOR ME TO ATTEND THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S DINNER AT WHICH

MRS. GANDHI WILL BE A GUEST. WOULD YOU THEREFORE PLEASE GO

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AHEAD WITH YOUR SUGGESTION FOR A WORKING DINNER THAT NIGHT
WITH INDIAN LOS OFFICIALS OR SIMPLY EMB STAFF, WHICHEVER
YOU CONSIDER WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

4. MESSAGE FOR JOHN THOMSON.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR JOHN:

IT WAS GOOD OF YOU AND ELIZABETH TO INVITE ME TO STAY
WITH YOU. WOULD YOU PLEASE EXCUSE ME. I FEEL THAT IN
VIEW OF THE SHORTNESS OF MY STAY, THE NEED TO USE MY TIME
FULLY TO PREPARE FOR MEETING WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS AND THE
SCANDALOUSLY EARLY HOUR OF MY DEPARTURE FROM NEW DELHI ON
MAY 3, I SHOULD NOT DO SO. HOWEVER, TALKS AND SWIMMING ON
SUNDAY SOUND MARVELOUS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A HAPPY RE-
UNION WITH YOU BOTH. DAVE SCHNEIDER IS GIVING ME A WORKING
DINNER ON SUNDAY NIGHT, SO I WILL REGRETFULLY HAVE TO PASS
UP WHAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD PARTY AT THE FRENCH AMBAS-
SADOR'S. I DO LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO SEEING YOU BOTH
ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON. OUR LOVE TO ELIZABETH.

SIGNED - ELLIOT END TEXT

5. YOUR 6003 JUST RECEIVED. ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED THEREIN
ARE SATISFACTORY. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO YOUR OTHER
QUERIES.

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